

tion (d)(1) and information on the donor registry Internet website in renewal notices.

Sec. 522.154. *“REVOCATION OF STATEMENT OF GIFT. (a) To revoke an affirmative statement of gift on an individual’s commercial driver’s license, the individual must apply to the department for an amendment to the license.*

(b) The fee for an amendment is the same as the fee for a duplicate license.

(c) To have an individual’s name removed from the registry, the individual must provide written notice to the nonprofit organization selected under Chapter 692A, Health and Safety Code, to maintain the registry directing the removal of the individual’s name from the registry. On receipt of a written notice under this subsection, the organization shall promptly remove the individual’s name and information from the registry.

SECTION 8. Section 521.126(k), Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed by the House on April 23, 2015: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2016.

LOBBYING ACTIVITIES AND THE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS

CHAPTER 1262

H.B. No. 3512

AN ACT

relating to lobbying activities and the registration of lobbyists.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 305.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a) “Communicates directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action” or any variation of the phrase includes establishing goodwill with the member for the purpose of later communicating with the member to influence legislation or administrative action.

SECTION 2. Section 305.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-3) and (b-4) to read as follows:

(b-3) Subsection (a)(2) does not require a person to register if the person spends not more than 26 hours, or another amount of time determined by the commission, for which the person is compensated or reimbursed during the calendar quarter engaging in activity, including preparatory activity as defined by the commission, to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action.

(b-4) If a person spends more than eight hours in a single day engaging in activity to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action, the person is considered to have engaged in the activity for only eight hours during that day for purposes of Subsection (b-3).

SECTION 3. Section 305.003, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a registration or registration renewal required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A registration or registration renewal required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the registration or registration renewal is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 122, Nays 12, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 20, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
CONSTITUTING THE BASIS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

CHAPTER 1263

H.B. No. 3724

AN ACT

relating to the consideration of certain scientific evidence constituting the basis for an application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 11.073(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In making a finding as to whether relevant scientific evidence was not ascertainable through the exercise of reasonable diligence on or before a specific date, the court shall consider whether the *field of scientific knowledge, a testifying expert's scientific knowledge, or a scientific method* on which the relevant scientific evidence is based has changed since:

(1) the applicable trial date or dates, for a determination made with respect to an original application; or

(2) the date on which the original application or a previously considered application, as applicable, was filed, for a determination made with respect to a subsequent application.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 11, 2015: Yeas 132, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON OR LABORATORY THAT
PERFORMS AN OFFICIAL EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA
TEST BE APPROVED BY THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH
COMMISSION**

CHAPTER 1264

H.B. No. 3738

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that a person or laboratory that performs an official equine infectious anemia test be approved by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding